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### **Economic Growth Region 3**

Statistical Data Report for February 2016, Released April 2016

#### Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in February. Twenty-two states had unemployment rate decreases from January, eight states had increases, and 20 states and the District of Columbia had no change, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia had unemployment rate decreases from a year earlier, 10 states had increases, and three states had no change. The national jobless rate, 4.9 percent, was unchanged from January and was 0.6 percentage point lower than in February 2015.

In February, no region had an unemployment rate significantly different from that of the U.S. Over the month, only the West had a statistically significant unemployment rate change (-0.1 percentage point). Significant over-the-year rate decreases occurred in all four regions: the Northeast (-1.0 percentage point), West (-0.9 point), South (-0.5 point), and Midwest (-0.3 point).

February 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)							
	Labor			Feb	Jan	Feb	
Area	Force	Employed	Unemployed	2016	2016	2015 Boto	
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U.S.	158,279,000	150,060,000	8,219,000	5.2%	5.3%	5.8%	
IN	3,312,468	3,132,454	180,014	5.4%	5.1%	5.6%	
EGR 3	384,297	365,123	19,174	5.0%	4.7%	5.1%	
Fort Wayne MSA	214,592	203,693	10,899	5.1%	4.7%	5.2%	
Adams Co.	17,008	16,287	721	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%	
Allen Co.	182,666	173,218	9,448	5.2%	4.8%	5.4%	
DeKalb Co.	22,047	21,031	1,016	4.6%	4.4%	4.7%	
Grant Co.	33,031	31,074	1,957	5.9%	5.5%	6.0%	
Huntington Co.	19,260	18,311	949	4.9%	4.6%	5.3%	
Lagrange Co.	18,914	18,158	756	4.0%	3.9%	4.0%	
Noble Co.	23,868	22,710	1,158	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%	
Steuben Co.	20,057	19,142	915	4.6%	4.3%	4.7%	
Wabash Co.	15,520	14,717	803	5.2%	5.0%	5.6%	
Wells Co.	14,369	13,749	620	4.3%	4.2%	4.5%	
Whitley Co.	17,557	16,726	831	4.7%	4.5%	4.7%	
Fort Wayne	125,985	119,050	6,935	5.5%	5.1%	5.7%	
Marion	13,083	12,219	864	6.6%	6.3%	7.2%	

State Release Date: 3/28/2015

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment



### Economic Growth Region (EGR) 3

Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

### Unemployment Rates by State – February 2016

(seasonally adjusted) ---

U.S. - 4.9%

Illinois - 6.4%

Kentucky - 5.8%

Ohio - 4.9%

Michigan - 4.8%

**Indiana - 4.7%** 

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County – February 2016

(high to low)

#34 - Grant (5.9%)

#53 - Allen (5.2%)

#56 - Wabash (5.2%)

#63 - Huntington (4.9%)

#64 - Noble (4.9%)

#72 - Whitley (4.7%)

#73 - DeKalb (4.6%)

#77 - Steuben (4.6%)

#84 - Wells (4.3%)

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#85 - Adams (4.2%) #90 - LaGrange (4.0%)

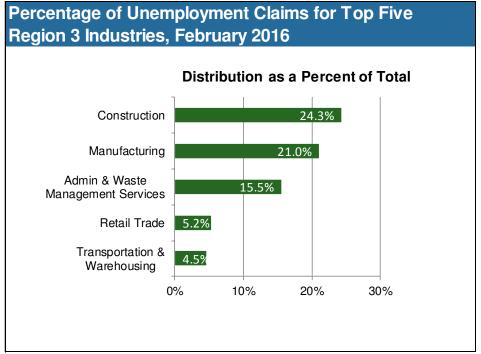
**Area Unemployment Statistics** 

Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to February 2016 from:							
CPI Item	Feb-15	Feb-15 Jan-16		Jan-16			
	Midwest Region*		U.S. City				
All Items	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%	0.1%			
Food & Beverages	0.7%	-0.2%	0.9%	0.1%			
Housing	1.6%	0.2%	2.1%	0.2%			
Apparel	1.1%	2.2%	0.9%	3.0%			
Transportation	-5.2%	-1.8%	-3.4%	-1.5%			
Medical Care	3.5%	0.5%	3.5%	0.9%			
Recreation	0.4%	0.8%	0.9%	0.5%			
Education & Communication	0.5%	-0.3%	1.2%	-0.2%			
Other Goods & Services	2.0%	0.4%	1.9%	0.1%			

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

#### **WARN Notices**

#### There are no WARN notices for February 2016 in Region 3

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet: <a href="http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm">http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm</a>

### **Unemployment Claims** February 2016

#### **Economic Growth Region 3**

#### **Initial Claims**

2/06/2016 - 473 2/13/2016 - 365 2/20/2016 - 328 (D) 2/27/2016 - 346 (D)

#### **Continued Claims**

2/06/2016 - 3,711 2/13/2016 - 3,626 2/20/2016 - 3,580 2/27/2016 - 3,535

#### **Total Claims**

2/06/2016 - 4,184 2/13/2016 - 3,991 2/20/2016 - 3,908 2/27/2016 - 3,881

#### State of Indiana

#### **Initial Claims**

2/06/2016 - 3,723 2/13/2016 - 3,300 2/20/2016 - 3,208 2/27/2016 - 3,240

#### **Continued Claims**

2/06/2016 - 33,174 2/13/2016 - 33,514 2/20/2016 - 33,006 2/27/2016 - 31,388

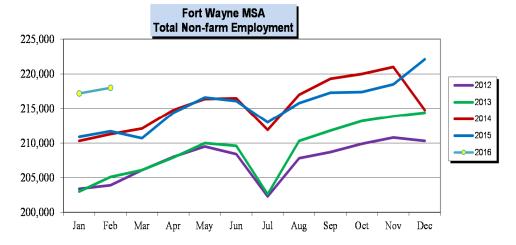
#### **Total Claims**

2/06/2016 - 36,897 2/13/2016 - 36,814 2/20/2016 - 36,214 2/27/2016 - 34,628

\*Total claims include EUC (Emergency Unemployment Compensation) and EB (State Extended Benefits). Source: Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Fort Wayne MSA Wage and Salaried Employment, February 2016								
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
				Change	Change	Change	Change	
Industry	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15	Jan-16 to	Feb-16	Feb-15 t	o Feb-16	
Total Nonfarm Employment	218,000	217,200	211,700	800	0.4%	6,300	3.0%	
Total Private Employment	196,200	195,600	190,000	600	0.3%	6,200	3.3%	
Goods Producing	44,900	44,800	43,300	100	0.2%	1,600	<i>3.7</i> %	
Service Providing	173,100	172,400	168,400	700	0.4%	4,700	2.8%	
Private Service Providing	151,300	150,800	146,700	500	0.3%	4,600	3.1%	
<ul> <li>Mining, Logging and Construction</li> </ul>	9,300	9,500	8,700	-200	-2.1%	600	6.9%	
- Manufacturing	35,600	35,300	34,600	300	0.9%	1,000	2.9%	
Durable Goods	26,200	25,900	25,400	300	1.2%	800	3.2%	
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%	
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	7,000	6,900	6,500	100	1.5%	500	7.7%	
<ul> <li>Trade, Transportation and Utilities</li> </ul>	43,700	43,900	42,200	-200	-0.5%	1,500	3.6%	
Wholesale Trade	11,100	11,000	10,800	100	0.9%	300	2.8%	
Retail Trade	23,200	23,500	22,400	-300	-1.3%	800	3.6%	
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	9,400	9,400	9,000	0	0.0%	400	4.4%	
- Information	2,800	2,900	2,900	-100	-3.5%	-100	-3.5%	
- Financial Activities	11,600	11,600	11,300	0	0.0%	300	2.7%	
- Professional and Business Services	20,500	20,900	20,300	-400	-1.9%	200	1.0%	
- Education and Health Services	40,800	39,800	39,500	1,000	2.5%	1,300	3.3%	
- Leisure and Hospitality	20,000	19,800	19,300	200	1.0%	700	3.6%	
- Other Services	11,900	11,900	11,200	0	0.0%	700	6.3%	
Government	21,800	21,600	21,700	200	0.9%	100	0.5%	
- Federal Government	2,100	2,100	1,900	0	0.0%	200	10.5%	
- State Government	4,100	4,000	3,800	100	2.5%	300	7.9%	
- Local Government	15,600	15,500	16,000	100	0.7%	-400	-2.5%	
Local Government Educational Services	9,400	9,300	9,700	100	1.1%	-300	-3.1%	

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



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Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

#### **Applicant Pool**

#### Top 20 Occupations Desired by Active Applicants on Their Resumes in the Past 12 Months

- 1 Production Workers, All Other - 489
- 2 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 438
- 3 Customer Service Representatives - 359
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers - 236
- 5 Office Clerks, General 165
- 6 Cashiers 157
- 7 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 156
- 8 Administrative Services Managers - 149
- 9 Managers, All Other 120
- 10 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers - 103
- 11 Stock Clerks- Stockroom, Warehouse, or Storage Yard - 96
- 12 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other -93
- 13 Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks - 92
- 14 Receptionists and Information Clerks - 83
- 15 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 81
- 16 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters - 80
- 17 Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive - 75
- 18 Nursing Assistants 71
- 19 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General 70
- 20 Accountants 67

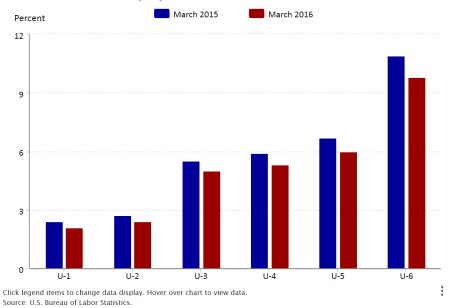


## Unemployment Rate 5.0 Percent in March 2016, U-6 at 9.8 Percent

(Excerpted from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *The Economics* Daily)

In March 2016, the unemployment rate was 5.0 percent. A year earlier, in March 2015, the rate was 5.5 percent. In addition to the official unemployment rate, BLS publishes five "alternative measures of labor underutilization," in each month's Employment Situation news release. Known as U-1 through U-6, they encompass concepts both narrower and broader than the official unemployment rate, also called U-3. U-1 and U-2 are more narrowly defined and always lower than the official rate. U-4, U-5, and U-6 are more broadly defined and always higher.

### Alternative measures of labor underutilization, U-1 through U-6, March 2015 and March 2016, seasonally adjusted



The narrowest measures, U-1 and U-2, were 2.1 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively, in March 2016. A year earlier they were 2.4 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively. U-1 includes only people who were unemployed for 15 weeks or longer, as a percent of the labor force. U-2 includes only unemployed people who lost their jobs or completed temporary jobs, as a percent of the labor force.

The broadest measure, U-6, includes unemployed people, plus people who are "marginally attached" to the labor force, plus people who work part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the labor force plus all people marginally attached to the labor force.

The marginally attached are neither working nor looking for work but want and are available for a job and have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months. They are not classified as unemployed because they did not search for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

People who work part time for economic reasons would have preferred full-time employment, but were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

The U-6 rate was 9.8 percent in March 2016, down from 10.9 percent a year earlier.

To be classified as unemployed, people must meet the following three conditions:

- They had no employment during the survey reference week.
- They were available to take a job, except for temporary illness.
- They had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period including the survey reference week, although people waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off are excepted from this requirement.

The unemployment rate is calculated as the number of unemployed divided by the labor force (which is the sum of the employed and the unemployed).

These data are from the Current Population Survey and are seasonally adjusted. For more information about employment and unemployment in March, see The Employment Situation — March 2016. To learn more about the alternative measures of labor underutilization, see "Trends in unemployment and other labor market difficulties," published in November 2014 in *Beyond the Numbers*.

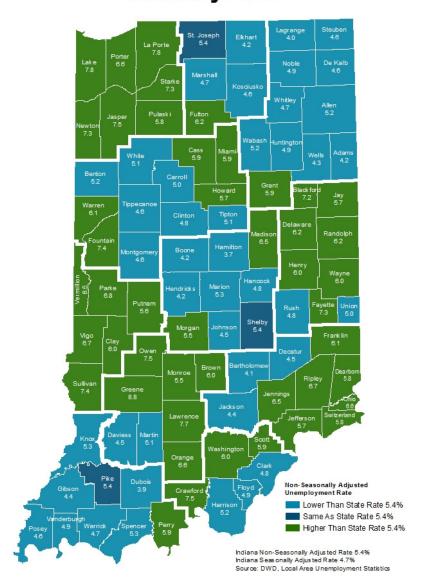
#### **Frequently Listed Jobs**

# Top 20 Job listings by number of openings in Region 3 for the month of February 2016

- Production Workers, All Other
- 2 Manufacturing Production Technicians
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other
- 4 Helpers--Production Workers
- 5 Order Clerks
- 6 Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters
- 7 Helpers--Electricians
- 8 Security Guards
- 9 Registered Nurses
- 10 Information and Record Clerks, All Other
- 11 Retail Salespersons
- 12 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 13 Cashiers
- 14 Computer User Support Specialists
- 15 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 16 Customer Service Representatives
- 17 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 18 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 19 Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
- 20 Bartenders



### County Unemployment Rates February 2016





#### Questions?

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